

MEETING #22 April 11

At a Continued meeting of the Madison Board of Supervisors on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the Madison County Administrative Center Auditorium:

PRESENT: Eddie Dean, Chairman
William L. Crigler, Member
Bob Miller, Member
Clark Powers, Member
Lisa R. Kelley, County Administrator

ABSENT: James L. Arrington, Vice-Chairman

Chairman, Eddie Dean called the meeting to order and noted that a Quorum was present.

Chairman, Eddie Dean requested that Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, attempt to locate Mr. Arrington.

Lisa Kelley, County Administrator, gave the Board a report on the pre-bid conference held on April 10, 2008 for Phase II of the Courthouse Renovation Project, as well as a report on a recent meeting with a representative of an ambulance billing company regarding the procedures and requirements for implementing a cost recovery program.

The Board discussed a timeline for re-opening the law-enforcement shooting range located at the Transfer Station property, and for initiating a public hearing process for a special use permit authorizing the shooting-range use of the property.

JAMES L. ARRINGTON ARRIVED @ 9:00 A.M.*

The Board discussed the need for obtaining short-term financing of a portion of the cost of Phase II of the Courthouse Renovation project, and directed the County Administrator to contact the County's auditing firm to obtain information about a short-term revenue anticipation note.

The Board discussed the establishment of an equalized rate for the real estate tax levy. Following the procedure required by Virginia Code 58.1-3321, and based on the assessment figures available from the Commissioner of Revenue's office, the "equalized" tax rate (i.e., the tax rate that would levy the same amount of real estate tax

as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate) would be forty-cents (\$0.40) per one-hundred dollars of value. On motion of Bill Crigler, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to approve an equalized rate of \$0.40 for publication, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Based on the current revenue projections available from the Commissioner of Revenue, the Board discussed that the draft budget remains approximately \$2.4 million out of balance. Even applying an anticipated fund balance of approximately 1.2 million at the end of the fiscal year, the Board noted the need to explore options to balance the budget, including looking at personal property tax rates and vehicle license fees.

The Board discussed the Sheriff's recent demand for mid-year salary increases for deputies and his office manager. It was noted that the Sheriff has not provided data on the relative salary ranges for deputies in other localities, and that therefore the Board and County Administrator have no information on which to evaluate the Sheriff's assertion that deputies' salaries are substantially less than those in surrounding localities. The Chairman designated a committee of two (Bob Miller and Bill Crigler) to review this matter with the Sheriff on an ongoing basis.

With no further action being required by the Board, on motion of James L. Arrington, seconded by Bob Miller, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting, with the following vote recorded:

Eddie Dean	Aye
James L. Arrington	Aye
William L. Crigler	Aye
Bob Miller	Aye
Clark Powers	Aye

Date: June 25, 2008